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(7) None of the methods for restoring the agglutinating property of the vibrio is absolutely certain.

(8) The vibrios may retain their vitality in excreta outside the organism for a very long time (for 7 months in some cases, for 9 months as observed by Dr. Kulescha) when air is excluded. Under opposite conditions they soon disappear.

(9) Every vibrio obtained from excreta during an epidemic or at the beginning of an epidemic, even if it does not agglutinate, must cause suspicion of cholera. It is not to be forgotten that the agglutinating property of the cholera vibrio is very subject to alteration.

### TYPHUS FEVER AT EL PASO, TEX.

Acting Asst. Surg. Tappan reports July 5:

Four cases of typhus fever with 2 deaths have been reported at El Paso. The first case was in the person of a physician who had been in charge of a hospital at Juarez, Mexico, where typhus fever was present among federal soldiers. The second case was in the person of a nurse from the hospital at Juarez. The third case was in a Mexican woman who had washed for the soldiers at the hospital at Juarez. The case terminated fatally. The fourth case, which also ended fatally, was in a boy who is stated to have visited the hospital at Juarez and to have brought back discarded uniforms. There has been no spread of typhus fever at El Paso and the disease is not now present at Juarez.

### SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the following tables the States indicated by an asterisk are those from which reports of smallpox are received only from certain city, and in some cases county, boards of health. In these States, therefore, the recorded cases and deaths should not be taken as showing the general prevalence of the disease. In the States not marked by an asterisk the reports are received monthly from the State boards of health and include all cases reported throughout the State.

#### Reports Received During Week Ended July 21, 1911.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Colorado:				
Counties—				
Boulder.....	June 1-30.....	1		
Chaffee.....	do.....	3		
Clear Creek.....	do.....	5		
Conejos.....	do.....	4		
Costilla.....	do.....	1		
Delta.....	do.....	7		
Denver.....	do.....	20		
El Paso.....	do.....	2		
Huerfano.....	do.....	3		
Lake.....	do.....	6		
La Plata.....	do.....	4		
Larimer.....	do.....	8		
Lincoln.....	do.....	2		
Mesa.....	do.....	1		
Phillips.....	do.....	1		
Pueblo.....	do.....	5		
San Miguel.....	do.....	1		
Washington.....	do.....	6		
Total for State.....		80		